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**Statement of Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), Ranking Member
House Committee on Homeland Security, on The White House Reinstating
Prevailing Wage Laws**

“It’s about time the President realized that he can’t rebuild the Gulf Coast on the backs of area residents who are desperately seeking jobs. The President had no business setting aside longstanding prevailing wage laws so contractors, that are making profits hand of over fist, could pay their workers less than they deserve.

“Cutting wages was not going to help rebuild the economy of an area damaged by one of the worst natural disasters in American history. American workers need to know that during hard times their government won’t pull the rug from under their feet to line the pockets of non-local companies.”

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